

REMARKS

Claims 26-61 are currently pending. Claims 32-61 are withdrawn.

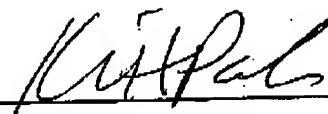
Applicants hereby elect Group 1, claims 26-31 drawn to an isolated protein comprising the 55kDa Extracellular protein of *Photobacterium damsela* subsp. *Piscicida*. Applicants further elect the Examiner's designated species wherein protein sequence is as designated in SEQ ID NO. 2. Applicants offer that it would not be unduly burdensome on the part of the Examiner to examine all species. However, for the sake of progressing prosecution on this case, Applicants elect the species designated herein. Each of the claims 26-31 are directed to the elected species. Upon allowance of a generic claim, Applicants respectfully request consideration of additional species.

Applicants believe this case is now in condition for review and Allowance. The Examiner is requested to contact the below signed attorney should any questions arise.

Applicants timely submit this paper with a petition for a one-month extension of time and therefore believes that no additional fees are due. In the event that any additional fees are payable, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees due to Deposit Account 50-4389.

Respectfully submitted,

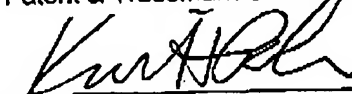
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